

Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23), a member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, will announce a new partnership between the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Veterans Affairs to streamline the transfer of records at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 10.

The Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC), using Randolph Air Force Base as its test base, recently announced that it would send the medical records of separating or retiring active duty airmen to the VA facility where they seek care. This affects the airmen who left the Air Force after Sept. 1. The AFPC will serve as a "centralized personnel outprocessing location."

Congressman Rodriguez said "This announcement is an example of a need I have been stressing for some time, better cooperation between the Defense Department and VA, which will ensure our veterans are not lost in the shuffle."

The plan will have an even greater impact on late-arriving medical documents. Due to the coordinated efforts of both departments, those documents would be forwarded through the same formalized channels and thus be much less likely to be lost. From now on, AFPC will forward records to the VA for all airmen, regardless of their assignment prior to leaving the military.

Rodriguez said "I applaud both the Air Force and the VA for cutting through the red tape to make the process of transferring documents that much easier."

Who: Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23)

What: Discussion of new DOD/VA partnership

When: Monday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.

Where: American Legion Woodrow Wilson Post #399

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